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Sir:

Applicant wishes to make of record the documents listed below and on the
attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
EP 0 596 437 A2	05/11/94	EPO
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

- 1) *Dewent Publications Ltd.*, London, GB; AN 1995- 183084 - XP 002125675 - "Biodegradable composn, useful for forming mouldings e.g. fibre, resin or film - contains cellulose ester, starch(es) and plasticiser and is easily moulded."
- 2) *Mayer J. Et Al.*: "Biodegradable blends of cellulose acetate and starch: productions and properties" - Journal of Macromolecular Science, Pure and Applied Chemistry, Vol. A32, No. 4, 1995, pp. 775-785 (XP-000863347).

The Examiner's independent consideration of all of these documents and their relevance before issuance of the first official action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is also requested to initial and return copies of the accompanying PTO-1449 form(s) to evidence such consideration.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge (or credit any overpayment) any fees which are due to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

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